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Re your tel 12 July 2.

We agree potential importance restraining influence milita and had given some thought, quite independent of Khrushchev's recent statements public and private, to reactivating the Vershinin visit. However, we consider it important that General Twining who is convalescing may receive him and it now appears that ~~he will~~ not be back until later in July. ~~xxxxxx~~ on active duty ~~xxxxxx~~.

Actually we would in addition want to consider timing carefully especially in light Khrushchev bragadocio and threats in talk with you and Harriman. We would not want any implication invitation Vershinin reflected alarm or concern about this interview. ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ In our view Khrushchev tirade part of deliberate campaign of intimidation rather than substantive change of position and we would not want to play into his hands.

We hope Kozlov visit will accomplish some of results you

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envisage in refuel but would not be seen to rush things too much by inviting Gerasimov immediately on Kozlov's heels.

Would appreciate your further views in light foregoing considerations.

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